

# DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

## Department of Environmental Quality Office of Air Quality and Radiation Protection Air Quality Division

Chemical Accident Prevention  
(LAC 33:III.Chapter 59)(AQ126E)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B), and under the authority of R.S. 30:2011, the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) declares that an emergency action is necessary because the current rule LAC 33:III.Chapter 59 provides only for the registration of facilities with regulated substances over a threshold quantity. In the wake of recent events, it is apparent that a problem with accidents and accidental releases involving toxic, flammable or explosive substances needs immediate attention. Without these rules, the people and environment of the state of Louisiana could be exposed to imminent peril from this problem. Failure to adopt these rules through the emergency procedure will delay the implementation of procedures required to provide for the prevention of accidents and the minimization of the off-site consequences of such accidents.

This emergency rule is effective March 7, 1996, and shall remain in effect for a maximum of 120 days or until a final rule is promulgated, whichever occurs first. For more information concerning AQ126E, you may contact DEQ's Investigations and Regulation Development Division at (504) 765-0399.

The full text of these rules may be obtained from the Department of Environmental Quality, Investigations and Regulation Development Division, 7290 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA or from the Office of the State Register, 1051 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (504) 342-5015. Please refer to document 9511#083 (AQ126E) when inquiring about this emergency rule.

Adopted this 7th day of March, 1996.

J. Dale Givens  
Secretary

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